GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3969
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WINTER WARFARE EXERCISE BY PAK ARMY
MOHAN RAWALE;UTTAMRAO DEORAO PATIL

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that Pakistani Army equipped with heavy artillery and sophisticated weapons is engaged in winter warfare exercise at 15-20 kilometres away from the International Line of Control along the border districts of Barmer and Jaisalmer in Rajasthan; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Government are aware that Pakistan Army is carrying out unit level training as part of its usual Winter Collective Training, 15-20 kilometres away from the International Border, opposite Barmer and Jaisalmer. There is no report regarding move of heavy artillery.

(b) Constant Vigil is maintained on the border.